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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF LESOTHO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maseru, on 25 February 1991 regarding the Gulf crisis.

I would be grateful if you would kindly have this press release circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. P. PHOOFOLO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Press release issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho on 25 February 1991 regarding the Gulf crisis

The Government of Lesotho is gravely concerned about the non-observance by Iraq of the deadline for unconditional and complete withdrawal from Kuwait, as set by the multilateral coalition, operating under the mandate of the United Nations Security Council. The Lesotho Government is equally concerned that the initiative by President Gorbachev to persuade Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait has not been crowned with success.

Since the beginning of the Gulf crisis, the Government of Lesotho has joined the peace-loving community of nations in repeatedly and consistently calling on Iraq to comply with the resolutions of the Security Council, to withdraw from Kuwait and to allow the long-suffering people of the country to regain their sovereign nationhood and to rebuild their country.

The Government of Lesotho now urges President Saddam Hussein to comply immediately with the Security Council resolutions in order to avert any more unnecessary suffering and hardship by the people of Iraq and Kuwait. Unconditional implementation of the Security Council resolutions is the only guaranteed means by which peace and security can be restored in the Gulf region.